सस्पैंड किया जाए। मेरी मांग है कि क्वश्चिन-ऑवर सस्पैंड करके एक क्राईसिस जो खड़ा हुआ है, उसको डिस्कस किया जाये ...(व्यवधान) श्रीमन् मैं मानता हूं कि प्रश्नकाल बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है लेकिन आज एक विशेष स्थिति खड़ी हुई है जो सारे देश को आन्दोलित कर रही है। यदि मामूली तौर से सहयोगी सांसद मंत्री ने इस्तीफा दिया होता तो सामान्य स्थिति होती। सामान्य स्थिति में किसी का त्यागपत्र महत्व नहीं रखता। परन्तु आज सारे देश के सामने सवाल यह है कि यह सरकार बनी रह सकेगी या नहीं रह सकेगी। इस क्राईसिस पर विचार करने के लिये प्रश्नकाल समाप्त किया जाना चाहिये और जो क्राइसिस खड़ा हुआ है, उस क्राईसिस पर हम बहस करें। प्रधान मंत्री महोदय यहां मौजूद हैं.. (व्यवधान)... सरकार को रिजाइन करना होगा। वह खड़े होकर बतायें... (व्यवधान) यह सवाल सारे देश के सामने है। वह बतायें कि उनकी सरकार है कि नहीं है। सरकार नहीं है देश में, इसीलिये हमको इस स्थिति पर बहस करने की इजाजत दी जानी चाहिये।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Order, please.

SHRI GURUDAs DAS GUPTA: Sir, ' request you to give me one minute. (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have given your ease. You please sit down. *(Tn-*tpfltans) Will you please keep *(Inn i miliums)* I would like hen. Members •- *(Interruptions)* Will - ii l.'ndly listen to me? Four or five i P' nil* r have given me notice ting for the suspension of the ij'Hi Hour because they want to the resignation of the Minis-. *Mt.* Anthony. I <do not think this is .-i subject which can be raised in the Question Hour and I also do not think that if, is something which Should lead to the suspension of the Question' Hour. If that subject is 'to" be discussed" at some other time in some other legiti-KJSI'- .Parliamentary method. --(Interr-tipttons)

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT; Kindly let me speak for half a minute. During the Question Hour... (Interruptions) Is there a Government? There ia no Government. *(Interruptions)* The Government does not exist. *(Interruptions)* _ The Government does not exist .... *(Interruptions)* .. .The Government does net exist... *(Interruptions)* ... The Government does not exist. Who <U answer the question? *(Interruptions)* ...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, if you allow the Question Hour to' go on, you would see whether the questions will be answered or not. They will answer it, ...(Interruptions)...

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Who will answer? ... *(Interruptions)*

There is no Government.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I will call out the question, I would be answered. Now, I would like to take up the (jii-M inn Hour. ... *(Interruptions)* ... Puiing the Question Hour, there honild not be any interruption. You have to seek other methods and opp-

' liu of ventilating your views. So, I would 1'ike to call Q. No[1]. 121.

Mr. Dipankar Mukherjee .....'(/«- *U-n wptions)* ...

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Revivji of Braithwaite and Company Lt*.

I. SHRI DIPANKAR MfUKHEK.

श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग : अब तो अन्तरात्मा की आवाज को पहचानों... (व्यवधान)....

श्री अजीत जोगी : चारें खाने चित्त किया मध्य प्रदेश में... (व्यवधान)...

श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग : कर्नाटक में क्या हुआ आन्ध्र में क्या हुआ... (व्यवधान)...

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SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be _ pleased to state:

(a) whether in the BIFR hearing

of M/s Braithwaite & Co. Ltd., held on 26t$_n$ May, 1994, Government re-presentative had Stated that the report of the Consultant, M/s Ferguson, is being considered and he had pleaded two months time before Government takes a fiual view, if BO what was the final view taken by Government within two months;

(b) whether a press notification has been issued by the operating agency inviting take-over off the above Co. by alternative promoter;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken a decision not to revive the Braithwaite and Co. together with the reasons therefor; and

(d) if not, what is the status of the revival proposal from Government to the BIFR?

THE MUNISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government representative had pleaded before BIFR on 26.5.1994 foir two months' time. The matter was under examination of the Government during these two months.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The proposal is still under consideration of the Government for a final decision.

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Mr. Chairman. Sir, before putting a supplementary, I would like to have a little clarification. As you are all aware, revival plans of sick public sector undertakings are being vetted or approved by a Group of Ministers comprising the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Commerce and the Minister of State for Industry. Under the circumstances—with all regard to the Minister of State for Industry— May I beg to submit t'nat this question can be replied only by the Prime Minister

■j-The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Dipan. ka$_r$ Mukherjee.

because the proposal for rehabilitation of sick industries can be approved by a Group of Ministers, not by the Minister of State for Industry alone.

MR. CHAIRMAN; The Minister of Industry has been assigned to answer this question .So, you put your first supplementary.

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: That means she would be answering on behalf of Group of Ministers. ' Is it like that?

MR. CHAIRMAN; She would be answering on behalf of the Govern ment.

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SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Okay. My first supplementary is, the BIFR hearing was first held on the 11th March, 1993. The second hearing was held on the 11th November, 1993. The last hearing was held on the 26th May, 1994. During the hearing reld on the 26th May, 1994, itself, the report submitted by the consultant was made available to the Government to take a decision on the revival proposal. During the BIFR hearing held on the 26th May, 1994, the Government asked for two months time betfore they could take a final view. Till date, they have not taken a decision in this matter. How does the Government explain this delay?

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : सभापति महोदय, माननीय सदस्य ने जो बताया है, वह सही है। बात यह है कि कोई भी सरकार का अगर निर्णय होता है तो उसमें थोड़ा सा समय लगता है, विशेषकर ऐसे मुद्दों पर जहां पर कि बहुत अधिक उसका अध्ययन करने की जरूरत होती है। सरकार को अपना मंतव्य कायम करने में कुछ समय जरूर लगा है। चूंकि इसमें विभिन्न मंत्रालय, विभाग एवं विभिन्न संगठनों से उनका मंतव्य प्राप्त करके अंतिम निर्णय लेना था, इसके कारण जब बी.आई.एफ.आर. के समक्ष सरकारी निर्णय की सूचना नहीं दी गई तो 18.8.94 को बी. आई.एफ.आर. ने निर्देश दिया कि बी.सी.एल. की बिक्री के लिए विज्ञप्ति

की जाए। लेकिन इसका यह अर्थ नहीं है कि विज्ञप्ति दे दी गयी तो कम्पनी का स्वत: निजीकरण हो गया है। बी. आई.एफ.आर. के द्वारा निजीकरण की संभावना को भी एक्सप्लोर करने की दृष्टि से यह विज्ञप्ति निकाली गयी है लेकिन अंतिम निर्णय सरकार के विचार तथा जो भी सरकार निर्णय लेगी, उसको सुनने के बाद ही बी.आई. एफ.आर. कोई निर्णय लेगी।

श्री दीपांकर मुखर्जी : सवाल तो यह है। उन्होंने...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Second supplenentary.

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Sir, the question is this. Two months' jme had been taken by the Government. Keeping in view all the difficulties she has listed out, they are not taking any decision. Now, it is he sixth month. If there were difficulties, why was the commitment of 'two months' given to the BIFR? The 3IFR is a quasi-judicial body. Be-ore that quasi-judicial body, the Government has taken two months' time. 3ut, even after six months, it is com-ng out with the statement that it will ;ake some more time to take a rieci-ion. Is it justifiable? Can the Houise) ustify such a delay?

Now, the next hearing, Mr. Chairnan, is on the 29th December. Right IOW I am saying it is going to have the next sitting on the 29th Deosmaer. But the position is the same. The Government says the proposal is under (consideration. Will the Gov ernment assure right now that the jovernment wants to remain as a promo ter? Or, is it trying to relinguish its role as a promoter? For the >9th, only 15 days ar_e left from now. Till now, the Government has not taken a deci l r,, Lrf>t the Government assure u_s that the Government is going to remain is a promoter. How long will it go *m* like this?

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : सभापति महोदय, ग्रुप ऑफ मिनिस्टर्स की मीटिंग होने वाली है, उसके पहले सरकार यह निर्णय लेगी और उसके बाद.... (**व्यवधान**)...

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE That is what I said. The Group o Ministers ...(*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please listen to her.

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : मैंने बताया कि कोई भी निर्णय लेने के पहले बहुत सोच-विचार करना पड़ता है। यह बात सही है कि सरकार ने समय लिया है और समय सरकार ने इसलिए लिया है क्योंकि इसमें विभिन्न मंत्रालयों से, विभिन्न श्रमिक संगठनों से विचार-विमर्श करना था। इसी कारण थोड़ा समय लिया गया है। 29 तारीख को बी.आई. एफ.आर. की सिटिंग होने वाली है, उससे पहले सरकार निर्णय लेकर उन्हें बताएगी।

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Sir, I want to put the record straight. The trade unions had given their proposal in the month of April. That wa_s forwarded by the Ministry of Labour to the Ministry of Industry. She is telling us what happened six months back. I want to know about the stand of the Government. What exactly is going to be the stand of the Government on the 29th? The 29th December is nearing fast. When will it take $_a$ decision? What is the Government's stand?

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI: I have already stated that the Group of Ministers is going to sit soon and before that the Government will take a decision and it will be communicated. I have said that. (Interruptions).

MR. CHAIRMAN; Mr. Gurudas Das Gupta. *(Interruptions)*. I am sorry. Shri Nilotpal BaSu. (Interruptions).

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : यह डिसीजन तो ग्रुप ऑफ मिनिस्टर्स [illegible] ता है। मैं यहां पर कैसे कह सकती हूं।

Mitfl DIPANKAH MUKH.ERJEK She is saying that the Group 0f *Ministers is* taking a decision, *{Interruptions)* .

SHR1MATI KRISHNA SAHI. Sir I have said that beiore the BIFR s«s on the 2»to, the Group of Ministers will sit and take a decision and ii will be communicated.

SHRI DIPANKAIt MUKHERJBE: For that that they could not do it six months. . . .*{Interruptions). ..* There are only about 10 days. *{Interruptions)* .

MR. CHAIRMAN: It is up to the Government to see *how* much time they will take. The Minister has agreed that they will take a decision before the BIFR meets. Now I would ask Mr. Basu to put his question.

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Mr. Chairman, Sir^ the indecision, inaction, of the Group of Ministers pertain not only to the case of Braith. waite Company Ltd. but also to several other sick PSUs like the tPCL, Allahabad, the MAMC, Durga-pur, the BOGL, Durgapu^ and the FCI|HFC revival proposal. It seems that the Government is reluctant t>r dragging its feet in the matter of putting forward the revival proposal and that such units are being closed down. Sir, as everybody in this House knows, time is the crucial factor in working any revival plan. St), this kind of inordinate delay on the part of the Government in the working of the revival plan is in itself a major factor that would kill these sick public sector units which belong to the capital goods sector that is so vital for tne economic self-reliance of this country. So, I would like to have 3 t response and it would be better if the Prime Minister responds because *H* Is such a crucial question not only *log* the working class of this country but also for the who!*; people of this country as to what the approach of the Government on this vital issue is.

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : सभापति महोदय, मैं माननीय सदस्य से बिल्कुल सहमत नहीं हूं। जब कोई भी यूनिट सिक होती है तो उसकी एक प्रक्रिया होती है कि कैसे उसको बीआईएफआर में रेफर किया जाता है, कैसे उसका रिवाइवल प्लान बनाया जाता है। ऐसी बात नहीं है कि सरकार सब पब्लिक सेक्टर के ऊपर ध्यान नहीं दे रही है। यह प्रश्न जो आज का है यह ब्रेथवेट एंड कम्पनी के बारे में है न कि सारे पब्लिक सेक्टर के बारे में जिसको चर्चा वह कर रहे हैं... (व्यवधान)

SHRI JIBON ROY: What is the policy of the Government about it? *(Interruptions)...*

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI: I would like to inform you that the Government is doing very well. आप जानना चाहते ह कि हमने किस तरह से इनको पैसे दिये। बराबर बजट में पैसा दिया है, प्लान में दिया है नानप्लान में पैसा दिया है। 1975 में यह नेशनलाइज हुया है। (व्यवधान) लेकिन हमने यह मरी हुई यूनिट ली थी... (व्यवधान)

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have to listen to the answer of the Minister. (Interruptions) Please listen to the answer of the Minister. (/7iterrup-*tions).*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, the hon. Prime Minister is pi%e-Rent in the House. We had been discussing tne issue of the revival of the public sector since the hon. Prime Minister had taken over as Prime Minister of the country and there was a categorical assurance. The assurance was, the Government will make a study to find out if the uni? i;3 viable and if the units is viable, the Government will not close it down. That was the position of the . Government. Now, this is a specific example where a unit is being closed down deliberately before the viabi-

lity *of* the project is accepted or rejected by fhe B1FR. My ftiends | from West Bengal are agitated be-cause you hive sent the matter to the BIFR and the BIFR is examining the matter. But, in the BIFR, the Government, is acting i_n an irresponsible way by prolonging it_3 time to make | its submission and because of tne irresponsible attitude of the Govern- merit in the BIFR, the BIFR has given an advertisement stating that it should be sold out. That is where our objection lies.

MR. CHAIRMAN; Please pu(youi question.

SHRI (.iURUDAS DAS GUPTA: My quesiVon is: "Will the hon. Prime Minister assure the House that the Government will take expeditious steps to ensure its position in the BIFR so that it is not closed down before the judgment, is given by the BIFR?' Secondy, till this matter is settled *by* the BTFR, fhe Goveimv. must givfc money. In every public sector unit or a nationalised unit, employees ere the Government employees and their payment cannot ' defaulted. If the Prime Minisic-i receives the salary, the workers of the Government should also get their salaries. Therefore the Government musf assure that before the scheme is finally disposed of, it will make positive allocation for this public sett Or unit. This was the commitment of the Prime Minister. So, it should he answered by the Prime Minister. He must answer it because he made a commitment. *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: When the Minister is answering the question, you should listen to her. *(Interruptions).* You leave the Prime Minister. Will you kindly sit down? (Intemtp.. *tions").*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Let the Prime Minister answer this question. (Interruptions) Why je the Prime Minister not answering it? *(In terruptions)* Sir, the Prime Minister must understand our feelings.

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श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : उपसभापति महोदय, भी.आई एफ.आर. . . (व्यवधान) . .

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, Prime Minister must explain our feelings. ... (interruptions)... The Prime Minister must understand our feelings. This is unusual, extr.-uneiy ual. ... (Interruptions).. .The Prime Minister must say ... (interruptions) . :vi H. CHAIRMAN; I do not know; he may or may not say. hut you are to ive it to him, at what time he should say. Therefore, you listen to the Minister first... *{hiterrup-*... Listen to the Minister first *(Interruptions)*

sffereft sawn *nt$*: -jrK ?rr

MR. CHAIRMAN; Please listen to the Ministe,- first.

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : सभापति महोदय, कल लेबर डिपार्टमेंट की कंसलटेटिव कमेटी की बैठक थी। उसमें सभी बातों का स्पष्टीकरण हो चुका है। एडवर्टिजमेंट जो हुआ उसका अर्थ यह नहीं है कि सरकार द्वारा जो प्रस्तावित रिवाइबल प्लान है, उस पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा। समय ज्यादा बरबाद न हो समय को बचाने के लिए ही यह . . . (व्यवधान)

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Why was there an advertisement? ... *(.Interruptions)...* The Minister must explain it. ... (Interruptions)... Hon. Chairman, Sir, he must explain why there was an advertisement. . , .(Interruption?}, He muet explain why ther«> was an advertisement-

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : यह अनुशंसा . . . (व्यवधान) . . . यह विकल्प किया जा रहा है। .। . (व्यवधान) . . . यह एक्स प्लोरेटरी है यह विकल्प किया जा रहा है। . . . (व्यवधान) . .-

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Why was there an advertisement?.. *(Interruptions)* ,V. Why? Because you defaulted, because the Government defamed.

SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI; No, Sir.
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SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY; Do not shout like this... *(Interruptions).*

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : यह विकल्प के रूप म सोचा जा रहा है।

श्री गुरुदास दास गुप्त : विकल्प के रूप में सोच रहे हैं। बन्द करने का आपका विचार है।

You are after closing down the pub-Jic sector and you will meet the tame fate as that in Karnataka and elsewhere in the country. ... *(.Interruptions)* ... You will meet the same fate as you have met in Karnataka, I tell you... *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN: Smt. Kamla Sinha.

श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा : सर, मैं प्रधानमंत्री जी से जवाब नहीं मागूंगी। प्रधानमंत्री जी इस वक्त परेशान भी हैं। मैं तो श्रीमती कृष्णा साही जो कि [illegible]

MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: You are very sensible.

श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा : महोदय, बहुत ही सीधा और साधारण सवाल है। मैं यह जानना चाहूंगी कि आज तक कितने बीमार उद्योग बी.आई. एफ.आर. के पास पड़े हुए हैं, कितने तय हो चुके हैं और कितने रीहेबलीटेट हुए है ? क्योंकि मंत्री जी बिहार से आती है, मैं जानना चाहती हूं कि बिहार के कितने उद्योग उन्होंने रीहैबलीटेट कराये हैं, यह वे जरा बता दें ?

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : सभापति महोदय, इस प्रश्न से यह नहीं उठता लेकिन ...(व्यवधान)...

SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *alias* MJEEM AFZAL: The Chairman will decide. You are not (he authority to decide.

श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा : बिल्कुल उठता है। इसमें सारे पब्लिक सेक्टर का सवाल उठता है। बात समझने की कोशिश कीजिए और इन बातों को समझकर जवाब दें।
...(*Interruptions*)...

सर, मेरा तो जवाब ही नहीं आया।

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is outside...

SHRIMATT KAMLA SINHA; No, no Sir.

SHRIMATI JAYANTOC NATARAJAN: She has already answered.

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : आप तो विदुषी महिला हैं। जरा प्रश्न को पढ़िए यह ब्रेथवेट के बारे में है।

श्रीमती कमला सिन्हा : इसमें सभी पब्लिक सेक्टर्स के बारे में है।

This is very relevant, Sir. I iust wanted to know how many industries were sick.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have to give a notice for a fresh question.

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA; No, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN; No, no; this question is about that... *(Interruptions)* ...

SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA; This arises from the very question. From thi$_s$ very question, my supplementary arises. The Prime Minister should answer.

ME. CHAIRMAN; I do not think it arises from ti% question because this is a specific question about a specific firm. I go to Mr. Chatura-naii Mishra.

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : सभापति महोदय, मैं सरकार से जानना चाहूंगा कि जब से ब्रेथवेट कंपनी पर सरकार विचार कर रही है, तब से सरकार को कितने टैक्स का, कितना वित्तीय घाटा हुआ है और कितना प्रोडक्शन में घाटा हुआ है। क्योंकि हमारी मंत्री जी... (**व्यवधान**) हमारी मंत्राणी जी...

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : मंत्री दोनों को बोला जाता है।

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : हम तो यही कह रहे थे लेकिन पीछी से पुरुष बोल दे रहे हैं तो हम क्या करें। मैंने आपसे कहा कि एक तो इस कम्पनी के अन्दर कितना घाटा हुआ है और आपके अंडर 18 ऐसी कम्पनियां हैं जिनमें एक हजार करोड़ रुपये का घाटा सिर्फ दो साल के अन्दर हो चुका है। चूंकि आप विचार करने में देर लगा रही हैं, इसीलिए मैं जानना चाहूंगा कि इसमें कितना घाटा हुआ है, विचार मंथन में जो आपने समय लगाया उस दौरान कितना घाटा हुआ यह दोनों आप बताएं, अपनी. इंडस्ट्री का नहीं जानती हों तो छोड़ दीजिये।

श्रीमती कृष्णा शाही : सभापति महोदय, खूब अच्छी तरह से जानती हूं। लेकिन एक्युमिलेटड लासेज 123 करोड़ इस ब्रथवेट कम्पनी में हुआ है।

श्री चतुरानन मिश्र : यह जो आपने बताया है यह तो पूरा एक्युमिलेटड लॉस है लेकिन हमने यह कहा कि जब से आप विचार कर रहे हैं तब से इसमें कितना घाटा लगा है। आप सिर्फ पूरा कम्पनी का प्राफिट एंड लॉस अकाऊंट मत बताइये। (**व्यवधान**)

Sir, my question is in two parts. First is regarding the profit and less account of the company. The second is regarding the production loss. How much has the nation lost? Both these quesions are separate. So, you please give a reply.

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : सभापति महोदय कुछ आर्डर्ज की कमी के कारण क्षमता में 1993–94 में जरूर गिरावाट आई है और 1994–95 में रेलवे द्वारा जो कुछ आर्डर्ज नहीं मिल सके हैं, उसमें कटौती की गई है। उसके फलस्वरूप कम्पनी का कुल घाटा 1.65 करोड़ रुपये से बढ़ कर 1993–94 में 12.19 करोड़ रुपये हो गया है। जैसे मैंने पहले कहा कि एक्युमिलेटेड लॉसेज 123 करोड़ है।

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA; The second part of my question was: How much is the production loss? *{Interruptions)...* How much Is the prouction loss? She is not saying that.

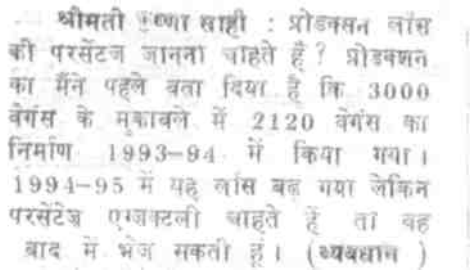
MR. CHAIRMAN; She is answering it. *(Interruptions)...* She has just now given the production loss. (Interruptions) ...

श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : सभापति महोदय, वेगन के आर्डर्ज में कमी के कारण प्रोडक्शन लॉस हुआ (**व्यवधान**) 3000 वेगंस के मुकाबले में 2120 वेगंस का निर्माण हुआ। (**व्यवधान**) यह प्रोडक्शन लॉस हुआ।

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Is she giving the combined los$_s$ or only the production loss? *(Interrup-uptinos)...*

MR. CHAIRMAN; Is it only production loss that you are saying? (Interruptions)...

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA.; I want the production loss.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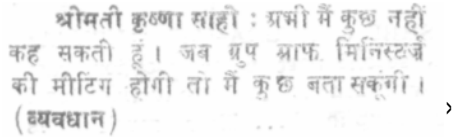
SHRI JIBON ROY: Mr. Chairman, j Sir, I have only a single quesj whether in the coming BIFrf sftt* ing the Government will agree that it will continue as a promoter of the company, Will you conim.je as a promoter? *(lrttenuptions)..,*

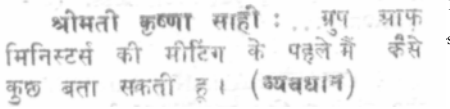
SHRI DIPAiMKAR MUKHFR.TF/S; I Wilj you continue as a promoter? *(luierrnptUms).* On 2,9th December, will you agree to continue as a j promoter? *(.Interruptions)...*


श्रीमती कृष्णा साही : अभी मैं कुछ नहीं कह सकती हूं। जब ग्रुप आफ मिनिस्टर्ज की मीटिंग होगी तो मैं कुछ बता सकूंगी। (व्यवधान)

SHRI MD. SALIM: The &on. Member ha$_s$ a right to know whether you vvil! continue as a promoter or not. *(Interruptions)...*

AN HON. MEMBER: We want an assurance. (Interruptions)...

SHRI MD. SALIM: It is a pointed question whether the Government will continue as a promoter or not. . *(injr. ruptions)* wsethei the Government will continue or not, that is not. the is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CHAIRMAN: Will ynu pleat, sit down? *(Interruption*)* • • • I [have] called Mr. Asbok Mitra to" "ask hfe question. (Interruptions)...

SHRI kSHOK MITRA: Mr. Chairman Si), il seem, there i; a rhree-pronged strategy of ftp Govern ment as far as the pubic aectoi undertakings are concerned. The first strategy is not to place' orders with its own units. The second strategy is that if these undertakings are able to get some outside orders The Government wilj. ask the comm. erciai banks not to offer or give any working finance. The third strategy is to deiay matters wih the BIPR. I have two suggestions to

My first suggestion is, instead of the trade union leaders coming to

Ihi and doing dharaas before the Ministers, here this threesome of Mini M; hould coma down to ;')■ site ol My. BraithWaite & Co. Ltd.

[1] tall i . the workers. They must be answereable to the people which they an; at present not. This is what i cnld suggest. Secondly

(Intemipriorag). They are- not ans- able to anyone. Secondly I have -ornelhing very specific' to ask. It often happened that the DIFR hes . constructed a revival paeka je and . that . package has included the recommendation that the commercial banks should advance working capital of such and such order. But the banks have been refusing to comply with that recommendation of the BiPR. I would humbly request .the Prime Minister to issue a directive to the Ministry of Finance that when a guasi-jud cial body like the BIPR makes such a recommendation fblst tecotnmerir dation must be (complied with. If this recommendation is not complied with, then the people will appreciate what is what, the people will appreciate the fact that the Government ivants to ruin. the pub: lie sector in the country.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): Sir, . all *tpfise.* donsiderationfs Have always been in front if us while taking decisions. There has been a delay in this case. The fact is that the Rail- ways have reduced their order. That hag been reduced because the prolamine of the Railways has been more concentrating: on gauge conversion. There-, fore, the Railways clearly say, "We

don'i have the money and, there, fore, we cannot continue the; order," But, this is a passing phase. 1 have been trying to tell the Railways, which they have accepted that; they cannot shut down these things. There has to be some compromise between the two, both programme be. lag equally important. So, in that compromise we will have to see how much has to lie borne by the Railways, as extra and how much has to be borne by this. This BIFR is going to meet on the 29th, as my colleague has said. If they have given an advertise-ment it does not mean that there.is a decision. They only wanted to the time. In case they find that it is not possible to revive, there must be some party to say, "Yes; I am prepared to take it." Then, if you start looking for the parties, it will take another year. It does not mean; as she has very clearly stated; that there ;- any decision. That advertisement i not be interpreted as being the reMiH of a decision. No; it is not. She has also r.aid that before the 29th the ;•! .up of Ministers—whatever the reason for the delay is—would meet. They Will take a decision and they will make a recommendation. Who. ever has to take the decision, maybe, it will come to me. I will take the decision before the 29th. What is the difficulty?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 122.

• Lok Pal Bill •

♦122. SHRI G. G. SWELL:

PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to bring about a consensus on the Lok Pal Bill; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND iSlONS . (SMi MARGARET ALVA): ta) and (b) Government's stand has already been indicated in Kajya Sabha during Short Duration Discussion op 2nd August, 1994 to the effect thai after a nationaj debate, if all the political parties and leaders are pi spared to sit a$_t$ the table together end cum-: to a cdnsensus, the Go-Yi-ioiufini is willing to eorne forward .,■■■,, a comprehensive • Bill. rb« <onti-,, , ,. be Governments position.

SHRI G. G. SWELL: Sir, this answer of the Government is a piece of sophistry at which they are very good. If you closely look at the answer, Sir, she has loved on the responsibility to the Opposition. If the Opposition parties agree then they can sit together and evolve a consensus. I would like to know whether the Government has taken any action, any step whatever, to initiate a national debate, to call the Opposition parties, to find out their views and speed up the process of having this measure. This is part (a) of my question. Now, she has referred to a Short Duration Discussion on the 2nd of August, 1994, and she has made reference to the various Bill at different stages, namely, in 1968, 1971, 1977, 1985 and 1989. She had said: Certain Bills had been brought before Parliament, but for some reason or the other, the matter could noott be considered and conclusions could not be reached." I would like to know what the perimeters and parameters of those Bills are and whether any of those Bills had proposed that the office of the Prime Minister should be under the purview of the Lok Pal.

SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA: Sir, it was in response to a reptated demand in the House, particularly, by Mr. Chimanbhai Mehta, that a Short Duration Discussion was allowed by you during the last Session. Unfortunately, as has happened so often in the past there was a boycott of the House by the Opposition parties